

REMARKS

Claims 20-23 are pending and have been allowed.

Claims 9 and 10 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should questions relating to patentability remain, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss the same.

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